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Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

We have received the approval from the Small Business Administration on our waiver request for Nonmanufacturer Rule for the below listed products. This waiver allows small businesses engaged in small business set aside programs (8(a)) to provide the product of large processors in the completion of government contracts. This waiver covers the period from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005.

Canned Fruit in #2, #2 ½, #10, #300 & #303

Fruit Cocktail

Mixed Fruit

Clingstone Peaches

Pineapple (all styles except tidbit/cube)

Cranberry Sauce

Fresh Fruit

Grapefruit (34-39 lb carton)

Canned Vegetable in #1, #10 & #300

Peas

Whole Corn (#10 only)

Mixed Vegetables

Vegetable Soup

Vacuum Packed Vegetable

Whole Corn (75oz pack)

Frozen Vegetable

Green Peas (30 lb container)

In addition, the following commodities have been approved for waiver indefinitely from the Nonmanufacturer Rule:

Tomato Paste, Canned

Spinach, Canned

Apricots, Canned

Citrus Sections, Canned

Please feel free to direct all questions or comments to Commodity Procurement Branch at (202) 720-4517.

Sincerely,

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